राजधानी में पुरातत्वीय महत्व की वस्तुओं का बरामद किया जाना

2379. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :**
श्री मती रेणुका चौधरी :
श्री मुख्तियार सिंह मलिक :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में दिल्ली पुलिस की अपराध शाखा और केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने संयुक्त कार्यवाही करके राजधानी में पुरातत्वीय महत्व की 1500 मूर्तियां, सिक्के हथियार तथा अन्य बहुमूल्य वस्तुयें बरामद की हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान ।

(ख) 7-7-88 और 8-7-88 को दिल्ली पुलिस की अपराध शाखा और केन्द्रीय अन्वेषण ब्यूरो ने दिल्ली में संयुक्त रूप से छापे मारे और संभवतः विभिन्न, मंदिरों, मस्जिदों, किलों, संग्रहालयों और स्मारकों इत्यादि से चुराई गयी प्राचीन वस्तुयें और सांस्कृतिक विरासत की वस्तुयें जब्त कीं । दो व्यक्तियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया और थाना कोतवाली में तारीख 7-7-1988 को भा०द०सं० की धारा 411/292, डी०पी० एक्ट की धारा 103, ए०ए०टी० एक्ट की धारा 14/25 और शस्त्र अधिनियम की धारा 25 के अधीन एक मामला, प्रथम सूचना रिपोर्ट सं० 174 दर्ज किया गया ।

Drug trafficking

2380. SHRl KRISHNA KUMAR BIR-LA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whe'her it is a fact that a good percentage of the drugs and narcotics which is smuggled out of the country is being paid for in gold;

(b) if so what is Government's estimate of the percentage of drugs smuggled out of the country which is being paid for in gold and what are the areas which have been identified for such transactions; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) There is no definite evidence to indicate that the drugs smuggled out of the country are paid for in gold. Smuggling being a clandestine activity it is not feasible to comment on the percentage of smuggled drugs which have been paid for in gold.

(c) Reports received and seizures made indicate that gold and narcotic drugs continue to be sensitive to smuggling Since smuggling is clandestine activity^ it is not feasible to estimate the extent of smuggling in na-cotics and gold. However, to combat smuggling, the anti-smuggling drive has been intensified and the anti-smuggling machinery has been geared up. Sophisticated equipment like X-ray machines, metal detectors and sniffer dogs are being increasingly used. Close co-ordination is also maintained with all the concerned agencies in the prevention and detection of smuggling into and out of the country. Add-itional legal measures to combat drug smuggling have also been taken and an Ordinance for the Prevention of Illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances has also been promulgated on 4th July, 1988.

Export of Goods *to* Pakistan by private sector directly

2381. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR-LA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of Pakistan's decision to permit its private sector to send their goods to India without routing them through their Trade Corporation;